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SUBJ: MOSVOLD

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1. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY TREASURY DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY (REF AENCLOSURE) ON THE SUBJECT OF WHETHER MOSVOLD (ETHIOPIA) IS A US "CITIZEN FOR PURPOSES OF THE EXPROPRIATION STATUTES". EMBASSY OFFICERS LAST SPOKE WITH TOREY MOSVOLC ON MARCH 30 OF LAST YEAR, OVER FOUR MONTHS BEFORE THE COMPANY WAS CONFISCATED BY THE EPMG. AT THAT TIME HE STATED MOSVOLD WAS MAJORITY AMERICAN WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL REGARDING OWNERSHIP. WE ARE NOT SURPRISED THAT LEGAL EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON, EVEN AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH TORREY MOSVOLD AND HIS LAWYERS, ALSO FIND THE CASE VERY COMPLICATED. EMBASSY HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONFIRMING OR CONTRADICTING THE POINTS MADE IN THE MEMORANDUM. THE MEMORANDUM APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT EMBASSY LEARNED FROM ROLF BAGLE, NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR ANDRESEN AND OTHER SOURCES AT THE TIME OF THE CONFISCATION. WE DO NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT NO MENTION

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IN THE MEMORANDUM IS MADE OF THE TRUSTEE ARRANGEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARA 10 OF REF B. EMBASSY HAS NOT FOLLOWED UP ON THIS MATTER BY ATTEMPTING TO CHECK THE FIRM'S OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AT THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE TO AVOID DRAWING THE EPMG'S ATTENTION TO A POSSIBLE PROBLEM. WE REMAIN HESITANT TO PURSUE THE MATTER UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT VITAL.

2. REF C REPORTED THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR
DISCUSSIONS WITH EPMG OFFICIALS REGARDING THE CASE.
THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, AS DR.
ASHAGRE ANSWERS NEITHER TELEPHONE NOR LETTERS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE
REGARDING MOSVOLD'S NATIONALITY.
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